

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1) including] including a main outer shell [(2)] , said fastening device being of the type including a removable and disconnectable fastening [means] device for its chin strap [(14)], [constituted by the cooperation of] said fastening device comprising:

a fastening member [(17) affixed] for affixing to the chin strap [(14)] and engageable with a fastening lug [(30)] affixed to [the] a helmet wall [(2), characterized in that the] wherein said fastening member [(17)] is configured to include [constituted by] a fastening portion [(20)] affixed to a pivotable gripping lever [(21)], [whereas the] said pivotable gripping lever is pivotably mounted on said fastening member, and wherein the fastening lug [(30) is constituted by] includes a matching recessed portion [(31)] for receiving said fastening portion.

2. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said gripping lever [(21) with the] of said fastening member [(17)] is mounted and journaled about a first axis on a retaining part [(18) on which the] for a strap [(15)] of the chin strap [(14) is retained about an axis (19, YY')].

3. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim [1] 2, [characterized in that the] wherein said recessed portion [(31) constituting the] of said fastening lug [(30)] is open upwardly and is limited outwardly by an outer projecting portion [(34) serving] providing a retaining and fastening edge.

4. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 3, [characterized in that the (YY', 19)] wherein said first axis is arranged behind the retaining edge [(34)] of the fastening lug.

5. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 4, [characterized in that the] wherein said fastening member [(17)] is configured as a cylindrical portion having a [(YY')] said first axis, [whereas the] and wherein said fastening lug is [constituted] formed by a matching cylindrical recessed portion having a [(XX')] second axis.

6. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 5, [characterized in that the (YY')] wherein said first axis of [the fastening] said cylindrical portion is substantially coaxial [to the] with a swivel pin [(19)] connecting said fastening member to said retaining part and to [the (XX')] said second axis of the recessed portion [(31)].

7. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said retaining edge [(34)] is, in its

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central portion, interrupted by a central cutout [(36)] adapted [to the] for passage of [the] a retaining end [(180)] of the retaining part [(18)] of the fastening member [(17)].

8. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein a latching [means (37) are] mechanism is provided for latching the gripping lever [(21)] to the helmet [(1), and especially to its] wall [(2),] in a disconnectable manner.

9. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said recessed portion [(31) constituting] of the fastening lug [(30)] is closed at its ends by two end walls [(32, 33)].

10. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said recessed portion of [(31) constituting] the fastening lug [(30)] is limited toward the helmet wall by a rear wall [(35) including the] having a latching device for [means (37) of] the lever.

11. (Amended) Device for attaching a chin strap [(14)] to a protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said fastening lug [(30)] is adapted to be affixed to an independent edge part [(40)] fixed to the wall [(2)] of the helmet [(1)].

12. (Amended) Protective helmet [(1)] including at least one attachment device according to claim 1, said helmet including a main outer shell [(2)] having two lateral wall portions [(9)], [characterized in that] wherein the fastening lug [(30)] of the chin strap

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attachment device is arranged on one of the lateral wall portions [(9)].

13. (Amended) Protective helmet [(1)] according to claim [1] 12, [characterized in that the] wherein said fastening lug [(30)] is adapted to be affixed in the vicinity of [the] a lateral edge [(11, 13)] of the lateral wall portion [(9)].

14. (Amended) Protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said fastening lug [(30)] is adapted to be formed as [constituted by] an independent edge part [(40)] fixed to [the] a helmet edge.

15. (Amended) Protective helmet [(1)] according to claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein said device includes an attachment device for the chin strap on each side of the chin strap.

Please add the following new claim:

---16. A protective helmet having a main outer shell, and at least one fastening lug affixed to a wall of the helmet, in combination with a chin strap and a removable and disconnectable fastening device for the chin strap, said fastening device comprising:

a fastening member for affixing to the chin strap and engageable with said fastening lug, wherein said fastening member is configured to include a fastening portion affixed to a pivotable gripping lever, said pivotable gripping lever is pivotably mounted on said fastening member, and